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TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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MAYOR STEPHEN WOODS

MINUTES

**NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELEN NELSON ROOM – TOWN HALL
7:00 P.M.**

FEBRUARY 28, 2012

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Helen Nelson Room of the Newington Town Hall.

I & II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

Councilors Present

Councilor Borjeson
Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods
Councilor Klett – absent

Staff Present

John Salomone, Town Manager
Peter Boorman – Town Attorney
Marie Fox – Registrar of Voters
Jaime Trevelyan – Executive Assistant to the Town Manager
Linda Irish-Simpson – Clerk of the Council

III AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS A. Chair Presentation – Former Council Members

Mayor Woods moved the following:

WHEREAS, the members of the 2009-2011 Newington Town Council voluntarily provided service to the Town and did so professionally and proudly; and
WHEREAS, these community leaders placed the interests of the Town above their personal lives, sacrificing major events in the daily activities of their spouses, children and families to attend numerous Town Council, Board, Commission and other public meetings and gatherings; and
WHEREAS, these dedicated public servants diligently performed their role, knowing that the future of our Town was affected by their actions; and
WHEREAS, former Town Council members Chris Banach, Meg Casasanta and Kris Nasinnyk and former Mayors Mike Lenares and Jeff Wright are to be recognized for their years of loyal service; and

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**WHEREAS, over the years an official Town of Newington chair has been presented to former Councilors in recognition of their work and to serve as a symbol of the Town's gratitude;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newington Town Council, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Newington, hereby presents an honorary chair to Chris Banach, Meg Casasanta, Kris Nasinnyk, Mike Lenares and Jeff Wright and extends sincere appreciation to them for a job well done.**

Mayor Woods thanked each of the individuals for their service to the Town and in particular the great job that Mike Lenares had done.

Mike Lenares thanked everyone for the gift and stated he had enjoyed working for the Town over the past 12 years. He wished the Council members luck in the future and to keep moving the Town forward. He urged them to review the budget line by line and to try to keep the promise made of zero percent increase in taxes.

Chris Banach thanked the Town for his gift and also thanked John Salomone who was very helpful during his term. He mentioned that he had enjoyed his time on the Council and wished them luck.

Meg Casasanta stated that she had enjoyed working on the Council and felt that she had given a lot but had also gotten a lot from the experience.

Kris Nasinnyk was grateful for the chair and was a nice token that represented the time and effort spent working on the Council. It was a difficult job but she learned a lot and felt that Newington was a wonderful town and wished everyone good luck.

Councilor Bottalico congratulated each of them and wished them well in their retirement. Councilor Nagel stated that he felt he was the student who got left back. He wished them all well and said it was a great experience working with each of them. Councilor DelBuono also congratulated each of them and stated she had worked with each at different times over the years and appreciated their service to the Town. Councilor Cohen expressed her thanks for their time and efforts as well as working so well together on the Council. Councilor McBride thanked them for their service and for their kindness in helping him when he got into Town service. He learned a lot from each of them. Councilor McBride also thanked their families for the sacrifices they made and for the time each spent away from their families.

Councilor Castelle thanked Chris and Kris for being role models for years. He stated that although they might have disagreed on issues they still respected each other. Councilor Borjeson thanked them for the time they gave to the Town and stated he enjoyed working with Mike, who he felt was a class act. John Salomone stated that he had a unique perspective because he works with new Council members and got to bond with all of the individuals. When they leave, he felt it was almost like losing a member of the family because of the amount of time spent together. The chairs are a small token of what the Town and Council members feel for these individuals.

Public Participation:

Madeline Kenny, 53 Crestview Drive: She wanted to thank all the retiring Council members for their time, efforts, and energy spent in service to the Town.

Juan Martiz, 416 New Britain Avenue: He thanked them for their hard work and hoped they would consider running again.

Councilor Bottalico stated that Police Chief Bill Gagliardi from New Britain wanted to thank Newington Town Council, Town Manager, SWAT team and the whole communications crew that helped New Britain during the evening where they had a shooting, a kidnapping and two hostage situations. The Police Chief was very appreciative of the help Newington extended to New Britain.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett – absent).

IV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL

David DiBattista, 308 Hillcrest Avenue: He wanted to express his support for the veteran tax exemption. He attended the previous meeting where the possibility of increasing the income levels was discussed and was pleased with the Council members who showed their approval of such a move. He was disappointed with those members who expressed reluctance for the exemption due to the existing economy. Mr. DiBattista felt it was time to consider the needs of the veterans and elderly and that it might mean that others would have to bear the burden of any increase, which should be minimal.

Madeline Kenny, 53 Crestview Drive: She had two issues to bring to the Council. The first was the death of Lt. Col. Budrejko who had relatives living in Newington. She was grateful for having attended the recent goal setting meeting of the Council. She was glad to hear that the Town will be taking care of what the Town currently has. Mrs. Kenny mentioned an article in the Courant regarding the possibility of issuing \$20 million in bonds for the updating of infrastructure. She felt that ongoing maintenance should be part of the budget process and was concerned with the possibility of having to issue bonds. Mrs. Kenny requested a list be made public of those projects in the past considered politically appealing, the total breakdown of money spent from CIP and state grants and which projects were sacrificed to accommodate those politically appealing projects. She also hoped that politics and pandering to special interest groups would not be a part of the decision process in the future.

Susan Simone, 240 Church Street (She is a health care worker at a facility owned by HealthBridge): She has worked there for 28 years and wanted to make everyone aware of what the home was attempting to do to the workers and residents. The facility has threatened to lock them out, to close the facility and she indicated Wethersfield was currently in the process of closing that facility. She had handouts and requested people write or call HealthBridge regarding how important it was to keep the facility open and to negotiate the workers' contract.

Juan Martiz, 468 New Britain Avenue: He stated he worked at Newington Health Care, which had been in Town for over 40 years. Mr. Martiz said that family and friends drive to visit residents in Newington and spend money in town which is good for the Town economy. He asked a letter be sent to express concern over this facility closing and moving residents to other facilities 40 miles away and how difficult this would be for families. Mr. Martiz stated that he hoped to have a referendum on the ballot to pay Council members \$5k and the Mayor \$10k for the hard work they put in.

Louise Pomeroy, 214 Candlewyck Drive: She stated her concern regarding the cleaning of brush and vegetation along Colby Road by the Rocky Hill Highway Department. In the past she has called the Highway Department regarding brush along Candlewyck Drive and was told the removal was the responsibility of the property owner. She stated that at the present time the brush covers half of the curbside, which was a danger for people walking in the area. Mrs. Pomeroy wanted to know what the Town could do in this instance.

V CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Veterans Tax Exempt Program

B. Discussion: Elderly Tax Exempt Program

John Salomone stated that the proposed budget would be going to the printer Wednesday and had to put some placeholders in the proposed budget for the tax exempt programs. He proposed a total of \$100k for potential tax abatements (\$50k for veterans and \$50k for elderly). He said there were 22 various tax abatements the Council could choose which ranged from increasing the safety net, increasing the number of participants, increasing the income levels, stay with the base income and increase the benefit for the most needed, etc. He explained that by putting the \$100k in the budget the Council could go higher and would only have to make up the difference between the \$100k and whatever level of abatement they chose. Mr. Salomone said that as the Council continued the budget process they could decide to keep the amounts or increase them.

Councilor DelBuono felt that all veterans should be included in the abatement due to the service they gave to their country. She contacted Rep. Nafis regarding getting a State exemption for the Town. Currently veterans can get \$2k off their assessment. To increase the amount the Town revaluation would have to double, which it did not do. The State exemption would allow the Town to increase the money given to veterans but would not be done in time for this budget cycle. Councilor DelBuono stated that the current \$39k base was not enough and would like to see the amount increased incrementally and to possibly start at \$50k this year.

Councilor Cohen stated that according to the last meeting no decision was made on the amount of help to be given to either group but that further discussion would be required during the budget process. How much and how many would be helped would have to be determined. Councilor Cohen stated that not all veterans were in need of more abatements, her husband included, and that income levels should be considered to help the neediest in Town. She requested that John Salomone give her information on the number of families who use the food bank, clothes closet, etc. since they would be the ones having to pay for any further tax exemption increase the Council passed.

Councilor Borjeson stated he was thankful for Steve Juda's presentation at the last meeting and thought the Council would be discussing the subject before an amount was put in the budget. He felt the Council had not arrived at a set figure to date. (Other comments inaudible)

John Salomone wanted to clear up any misunderstanding created by the \$100k figure. He explained he had put a reserve of \$100k in the proposed budget that could be used any way the Council decided. If the Council decided on \$134k exemption for veterans, the Council would only have to find \$34k to fund it; if nothing was put in, the Council would have had to fund the full \$134k. He tried not to make any recommendation but wanted to show what the impact would be since he knew the Council wanted to address this in the budget. He did not intend to debate the merits of this but wanted to propose options for the Council for their consideration. Mr. Salomone stated that he did not want to co-opt the Council to say this is what should be proposed. He explained this was his attempt to put money in the budget so the Council had a start in discussing these options.

Councilor DelBuono stated that at the last meeting Councilor Klett was concerned that no amount be discussed or put in the budget without the direction of the Council. She understood that the figure would be discussed tonight to give Mr. Salomone direction but Councilor DelBuono understood the time constraint for printing the budget. Councilor Nagel agreed with Councilor DelBuono's comments and agreed that the figure gives the Council a starting point. He stated he recognized that many families in Town were in need and would benefit from tax relief but recognized they needed to start somewhere. He felt that the veterans and elderly had been recognized in the past as being in need but did not want to ignore families who were in also need. Councilor Nagel felt that the Council should look at both of the current proposals as a starting point and hoped at some point to give relief to others in need.

Councilor Cohen indicated she was not suggesting exemptions for families but explained that before proposing exemptions, the Council look at the impact on the families who will be asked to pay for the exemptions. Councilor Castelle indicated the charts from Steve Juda were very helpful to him and would enable him to make a decision on the issues. Councilor McBride stated that the Council's goal was to stretch the tax dollars as far as possible, provide services and to push the Town forward as cheaply as possible. (Other comments inaudible).

Councilor Bottalico stated he did not like the grouping of citizens – taking care of that group or another group. He felt they should look at tax delinquency, which costs all citizens money. He stated that every \$33 out of \$100k of assessment, residents had to pay in taxes because individuals or businesses did not pay their taxes. Councilor McBride agreed with him but stated that the Town could never completely solve the issue and felt that in the past couple of years more had been done regarding delinquency.

Councilor DelBuono indicated that the Council might decide on going one notch up on the chart for now so that more people would be targeted. She felt the right direction would be raising the income level \$10k, which would be an incremental step.

Mayor Woods stated he was disappointed the Town fell behind due to the growth pattern of the Town. He felt they should make up for ground lost, set goals and determine the right amount to spend now but he was not sure what that amount would be. (Other comments inaudible).

Councilor Bottalico agreed with the Mayor and Councilor DelBuono about the incremental amounts and thought it could be done over several years.

John Salomone reminded the Council the Town might be on the low end of some abatements but the best tax abatement was low property taxes. He indicated that in the past the Town had small tax increases over a number of years and it was spread around to many. Mr. Salomone also stated the Town provided excellent services for seniors, people with financial issues who used a very strong Human Services Department, a Senior

& Disabled Center that was second to none and a transportation system that helped seniors. Mayor Woods agreed with Mr. Salomone (other comments inaudible).

C. Charter Revision

1. Initiate Charter Revision

Mayor Woods introduced Peter Boorman. There were no questions from the Councilors.

Councilor Cohen moved the following:

WHEREAS, the Town of Newington, as a municipal corporation, has the power to amend its Town Charter in the manner set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-187 through 7-193;

WHEREAS, the Newington Town Council is contemplating a revision of the Newington Town Charter for the purpose of bringing said Charter up to current standards in the State of Connecticut and to eliminate any inconsistencies that may currently exist with the State of Connecticut Constitution and/or the Connecticut General Statutes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-188, the proper method for the Newington Town Council to initiate the revision of the Town Charter is by way of a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of its entire membership;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Newington Town Council hereby approves of the initiation of action for the amendment and revision of the Newington Town Charter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-188.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Newington Town Council, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-190, shall within thirty days of the date of approval of this current resolution appoint, by way of a separate resolution, a Commission consisting of five to fifteen members whose purpose shall be to draft amendments to the Newington Town Charter using the procedures set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-187 through 7-193. No more than one-third of the membership of said Commission shall hold any other public office in the Town of Newington. No more than a bare majority of said Commission shall be members of one political party.

Mayor Woods asked Mr. Boorman if priorities would be set for the Commission at this meeting and then formulate another resolution in two weeks to charge the Commission. Mr. Boorman indicated that the two resolutions before the Council would get the Commission underway. After passing both of them, the Council would have to indicate what areas they wanted the Commission to concentrate on. The Council could decide on none or a few, general or specific. Under Connecticut State Law the Town is allowed to direct the Commission to look at specific items in the Charter. The Commission would be charged with reporting back to the Council in a draft report. The resolution formulated in two weeks would also state how long the Commission would have to make changes to the Charter. Mr. Boorman stated the maximum time allowed would be 16 months from the date of the establishment of the Commission.

Councilor Bottalico asked Mr. Boorman if the Commission could use some of the information that was still available from the previous charter revision. He replied that it was possible for the Commission to review not only that material but other areas of the Charter as they felt necessary.

Councilor Cohen asked about the length of time of the Commission and Mr. Boorman stated that the Council could designate 12 months and later go back and increase the amount of time up to 16 months. Mayor Woods wanted to ensure they had enough time but thought it would be quicker than last time since so much work had already been done. Councilor Bottalico suggested a November timeframe for a referendum so that it would not cost the Town more money, which Mr. Boorman agreed was a possibility since the turnout would be greatest and a cost savings to the Town. Mr. Salomone reminded the Council that if a November date was used, the Commission would have to be finished with their work at least eight weeks ahead of that date to meet State requirements and to get the revision on the ballot.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Castelle and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent) on a roll call vote:

Yes: Councilor Borjeson

Councilor Bottalico
Councilor Castelle
Councilor Cohen
Councilor DelBuono
Councilor McBride
Councilor Nagel
Mayor Woods

2. Create & Appoint a Charter Revision Commission

Councilor McBride moved the following:

RESOLVED: That the Newington Town Council hereby establishes a Charter Revision Commission
which shall consist of five members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Newington Town Council hereby appoints the following members
to the Charter Revision Commission:

| Name | Address | Party | Term |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Donna Clark | 87 Eddy Lane | D | Duration of Charter Revision Process |
| Vincent Camilli | 287 Cedarwood Lane | D | Duration of Charter Revision Process |
| Alan Nafis | 49 Whitewood Road | D | Duration of Charter Revision Process |
| Mike Lenares | 76 Stonehedge Drive | R | Duration of Charter Revision Process |
| Paul Vesella | 31 Northwood Road | R | Duration of Charter Revision Process |

The motion was seconded by Councilor Bottalico and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent)

D. Special Meeting Schedule – FY 2012 – 2013 Budget

Councilor Castelle moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That the Newington Town Council, pursuant to Section 805 of the Newington Town Charter, will hold two Public Hearings on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. These Public Hearings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall (unless otherwise indicated) as follows:

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Town Manager's Proposed Budget

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Town Council's Proposed Budget

John Salomone reminded the Council that the date for the Board of Education proposed budget presentation was on March 13 instead of March 19.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent).

VI CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Amendment, Chapter 121-1, Voting Districts

John Salomone explained that due to the 2010 Census there had been a slight change in voting districts, which would affect approximately 447 residents but no change in voting locations. The Registrar would have to notice all the residents, the Council would have to hold a public hearing, there would be a waiting period and then a final vote he explained. Mrs. Fox, Registrar of Voters, indicated there was a typo on the Voting District map and will remove District #5 from the 27th State House District since it was listed twice. She also indicated that all residents would be notified prior to the April 24 primary of the change.

B. Standing Insurance Committee Update

Councilor Castelle gave an overview of the special meeting held on February 21. The Committee voted unanimously to 1) accept the third year of the insurance guarantee cost program dated July 1, 2012 and 2) to accept another three year cost guarantee beginning July 1, 2013. The annual premium would increase to \$592,000 from \$455,000. For 2013-16 the workers compensation coverage would remain with a locked in maximum of \$721,683. CIRMA offered a 3% increase in premiums for LAP coverage for 2013-14 but none for the final two years of the contract as long as the Town's exposure did not increase (new buildings, large increase in fleet).

Councilor McBride thanked Councilor Castelle for doing a great job and running a very good meeting on February 21. Councilor Cohen asked about costs increasing if seven roofs were put on and Mr. Salomone indicated that would not increase the cost; however, if the Town purchased ten new plow trucks, that would increase the cost. Mr. Salomone explained that after the Town purchased 28 acres, the premium for property liability did not change.

(Other Council comments inaudible)

C. Town Facilities Electricity Audit

John Salomone explained he had begun the process, as requested by Council, to retain a firm to perform an electricity audit on CL&P. He wanted to ensure that the Town had the correct rate structure for each billing unit. Most of the companies he had looked at were billed on a contingency based on the amount of savings to the Town. He would have it finalized by the next Council meeting.

Councilor Bottalico explained the chart he developed for the lighting for the football field and Little League field. He indicated that after registering a complaint he was told the rate would go from 30 to 29 and the Town would receive rebates for the lights. Councilor Bottalico was unsure of the amount but would go through the bills when received.

Councilor Castelle asked for clarification about a Council person representing the Town or Council in a complaint such as the CL&P bill. Councilor Bottalico explained he never represented himself as a member of the Council but as an individual making the complaint. He asked about the rules of procedure going forward and was told by the Mayor and Mr. Boorman that an individual of the Council could speak only for themselves and not for the body unless authorized to do so through a resolution.

D. Town Council Rules of Procedure Subcommittee Update

Councilor Castelle indicated the Committee met on February 14 to review potential changes to the existing Council rules. He reviewed the changes with the Council regarding naming of sections of the Charter, renumbering sections and deleting certain wording in sections. After discussion on #12 the Council asked that the word "a" be replaced with "this" in the first paragraph, last sentence for clarity.

VII RESIGNATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Councilor DelBuono moved the following:

1. Commission on Aging and Disabled

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Karen Brecker | 120 Stagecoach Lane | R | Immed. – 11/30/13 | Karen Brecher (term exp. 11/30/10) |
| Patricia Hanbury | 133 Southwood Road | R | Immed. – 11/30/13 | Patricia Hanbury (term exp. 11/30/10) |
| Jerilyn Nagel | 1175 Willard Avenue | U | Immed. – 11/30/13 | Jerilyn Nagel (term exp. 11/30/10) |

Board of Assessment Appeals

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|------------|-------------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mark Mnich | 187 HAMPTON COURT | R | 12/1/2011 – 11/30/15 | M. Zucker (term exp. 11/30/11) |

Board of Education Roof Replacement PBC

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------|----------|----------------------------------|
| BOE Rep: Daniel Carson | 223 Little Brook Drive | R | BOE Term | D. Carson (Term Exp. 11/15/11) |
| BOE Rep: David Tatem | 29 Camp Avenue | D | BOE Term | C. Castelle (Term Exp. 11/15/11) |

Building Code of Appeals

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mark Mnich | 187 HAMPTON COURT | R | Immed. – 11/30/16 | M. Longo (Term exp. 11/30/11) |

Conservation Commission

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|---------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Andreas Sadil | 45 Lamplighter Lane | R | Immed. – 11/30/15 | J. Byer (Term exp. 11/30/11) |

Development Commission

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|---------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mark Mnich | 187 HAMPTON COURT | R | Immed. – 11/30/13 | Mike Longo (term exp. 11/30/10) |
| Paul Vessella | 31 Northwood Road | R | Immed. – 11/30/13 | Mary Niro (term exp. 11/30/10) |

Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|--------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| Dennis Doyle | 38 Patriot Lane | R | Immed. – 11/30/13 | Vacant |

Board of Ethics

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|---------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Alan Skidgell | 20 Farmstead Drive | R | IMMED – 11/30/13 | Alan Skidgell (Term exp. 11/30/09) |

Greater Hartford Transit District

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| John Kelly | 293 Maple Hill Ave. | D | Immed. – 6/30/13 | Kevin Chick (resigned 1/2012) |

Newington Historical Society and Trust

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|---------------|---------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Esther Eddy | 200 Church Street | R | Immed. – 11/30/16 | E. Eddy (Term Exp. 11/30/11) |
| Jerilyn Nagel | 1175 Willard Avenue | U | Immed. – 11/30/16 | J. Nagel (Term Exp. 11/30/11) |

Human Rights Commission

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|---------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|----------|
| John Suchocki | 137 Tremont Street | R | 12/1/10 – 11/30/13 | Vacant |

23. Open Space Committee

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| TPZ Rep: Cathleen Hall | 26 Kowall Court | R | TPZ Term | D. Lenares (Term Exp. 11/30/11) |
| Public: Rachael Pac | 911 Jacobs Lane | R | Immed. – 11/30/14 | S. Marcinczyk (Term Exp. 11/30/11) |

Tri-Town Community Cable Access Committee

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Everett Weaver | 87 Northwood Road | R | IMMED – 12/31/12 | E. Pizzella (Term exp. 12/31/09) |

Zoning Board of Appeals

| Name | Address | Party | Term | Replaces |
|--------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| John Richter | 87 Fisk Drive | R | Immed. – 11/30/16 | J. Richter (Term exp. 11/30/11) |

Councilor Bottalico asked if and when some of the inactive committees could be deleted and the Mayor Indicated that Jeff Baron would be working on that after budget season and after some of the committees held final meetings.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Cohen and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent)

VIII TAX REFUNDS

Councilor McBride moved the following:

RESOLVED:

That property tax refunds in the amount of \$5,993.228 are hereby approved in the individual amounts and for those named on the "Requests for Refund of an Overpayment of Taxes," certified by the Revenue Collector, a list of which is attached to this resolution.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Nagel and passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett-absent).

IX MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Regular Meeting, February 14, 2012

Councilor Cohen indicated that on page 7, 8th line, the word should read "what" and not "want." She also asked Jaime to ensure that the attachment mentioned on page 5 was attached to the Town Clerk's copy.

A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Councilor Bottalico and seconded by Councilor Cohen. The motion passed 8 – 0 (Councilor Klett – absent).

X WRITTEN/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER, OTHER TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC

Councilor Bottalico asked Mr. Salomone for a breakdown in his next monthly report of the overtime costs due to the storms.

XI COUNCIL LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Nagel gave a report on the NCTV meeting he attended. He stated they were preparing for the budget season and discussed usage of space downstairs. He stated that the locks had been changed for both doors and individuals needed to be given new keys for access. Mr. Salomone said he would call NCTV to determine the number of keys needed by personnel.

Councilor Nagel indicated the Standing Insurance Committee would be interviewing new agents as required to. (Other comments inaudible).

Councilor Bottalico stated that during the last CIP meeting Mr. Salomone presented the Town side of the CIP. He said there was approximately \$2.5 million on the Town side and will get together with the Board to determine their amount and recommend a final amount to the Council. He also indicated that at the March 13 meeting the Council would be interviewing candidates for the Town Planner position. There were four candidates and the interviews would begin at 5 p.m.

Councilor McBride stated that the Town Hall Renovation Committee met to review architectural plans for changes to Town Hall. One of the suggestions was to make the gym separate from Town Hall and gave alternatives and structure changes to improve Town Hall. No decisions had been made on how to proceed.

(Other comments inaudible). Councilor Bottalico mentioned that the number one priority of the Committee would be the roof to the Transition Academy, which was passed onto the CIP.

XII PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - IN GENERAL

None

XIII REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Councilor McBride reminded everyone about the fund raiser for the St. Patrick's Day parade to be held shortly. There was a fund raiser at the Brickhouse Bar and Grill. The winner of the Honorary Irish Person of The Year went to Wayne Fox and the winner of the Irish Person of the Year went to Chris Schroeder, of the Fire Department. Councilor McBride stated there would be a fund raiser on March 2, at the Knights of Columbus with a charge of \$10 at the door to contribute to the cost of the parade. He hoped that people would attend because he wanted to raise as much money as possible to offset the \$5k needed to march in the parade. Councilor McBride said a letter would be going out shortly to Town Council members urging them to march.

XIV EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: LEGAL SETTLEMENT

Councilor DelBuono moved to go into Executive Session regarding Legal Settlement at 9:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passed 8-0 (Councilor Klett – absent).

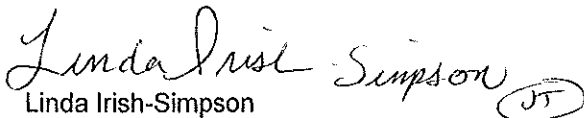
In attendance were all Councilors in attendance at the regular meeting, TM Salomone and Town Attorney Peter Boorman.

XV ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Nagel moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 10:10p.m. The motion seconded by Councilor Bottalico. Motion passed 8-0. (Councilor Klett-absent)

Councilor Cohen moved to adjourn from the regular meeting at 10:11p.m. The motion seconded by Councilor Bottalico. Motion passed 8-0. (Councilor Klett-absent)

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda Irish-Simpson
Clerk of the Council